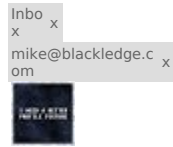


# Ian - MP4 Video for school - 2016

School Project: Exploration



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to Blackledge

Hi Da!

I haven't finished gathering up all of my projects to show you (I keep getting new ones!), but I thought I'd share this one with you at the very least, in the form of a video!

We had to do a large project in WiloWorlds, spanning across our entire building area. For the project itself, we had to choose an explorer to write about, and we had to talk about exploration in general. I chose Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space.

You will have to pause the video every once in a while in order to read the signs properly, I went through it pretty fast.

I noticed a number of spelling/grammatical errors after I had finished recording. They're all fixed now, but I didn't want to bother recording the video again (this was my fifth attempt!)

Also, this project was supposed to take a week to finish. I've had a lot of problems with procrastination, and this wasn't an exception! I did the entire project in a few hours, with no time to spare. Luckily, the teacher gave me 100% for it, so I guess it worked out. That said, I would still like to try and fix my procrastination issues over the summer.

Let me know what you think!

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Ian

**P.S.** This next week is my last week of school, summer break begins on the 19th. After that, I'll enter my senior year of high school! My grades aren't doing well, and in this case it's *literally* for a lack of trying. Again, everything I upload gets an A+, but I have trouble actually uploading anything. I'm going to try as hard as I can to get my GPA up. The worst that can happen is that I have to go to CNM for a couple years before I go to UNM, but I'd rather not have that happen.

Hi, Ian -

We drove back down from Pendaries yesterday afternoon, and this morning I was looking at your Exploration school project. That was fun, and I learned quite a bit! Thanks for sharing!

And yes, I do have some questions. I realize that right now you are in your final week of school for the year, and you need to work on uploading some projects NOW - so please do that now, and answer these questions next week, or whenever you can no longer work on this year's assignments.

1. Yes, I had to pause the video to read the words. I am using Windows 10, and have 'no control' over the app it supplies to view videos - to pause, I have to hold the mouse button down on the 'sliding bar' that shows how far the video has advanced. I doubt that is what you do - what are your suggestions?

My next two questions relate to what you said: We had to do a large project in WiloWorlds, spanning across our entire building area.

2. when I Google now for WiloWorlds, WiloStar3D comes up. Is that the new name of your on-line school? I see it is (still) in Bonita Springs, FL.

3. re the 'building' where your slide show takes place, like a circular museum (makes me think: Guggenheim): is that what you mean by "our building"? Does the school 'build' that virtual building for you, or are you using Blender?

4. You said you didn't want to record the video again - how do you do that? It must not be like PowerPoint, where once you make a correction, it is in the 'final product'.

5. This occurred to me: you are a high school senior for this new school year. Does anyone travel to Bonita Springs for commencement ceremonies? Virtually or really?

6. I understand you uploaded this video project to WiloWorlds with no time to spare - however, if you had time, are you allowed to show your project to others before you submit it? I seem to be able to spot typos (usually mine, of course) so if you would ask me to proofread something, there is a possibility I could get something back to you fairly quickly.

I will look up how Valentina's father was killed in WW II. I am reading Anthony Beevor's "The Siege of Stalingrad" which begins with the German invasion of Russia (June 22, 1940). You mention that her town of birth was on the Volga River, and the Volga plays strongly in the history I've read so far - quite depressing, as even the Germans were surprised as how the Russian commanders squandered their men's lives during those first months of the war. In one case I can't forget, a drunk commander ordered two brigades of trainees (thousands) with no weapons and no rations against a German Panzer (tank) division. Senseless.

Next week your school is out; would you like to walk the foothills with Aunt Patti and Uncle Dick and me on Wednesday, 25 May? Let me know, as we will all meet at the parking lot at end of Copper at 8:30 am on that Wednesday.

- Da

Da,

That's great! I'm glad you enjoyed it.

1. I don't use Windows 10 myself so I couldn't give you too much advice, but I do have one suggestion. When opening the video, right-click on it and mouse over "Open With...", then choose "Windows Media Player". That is, of course, assuming Windows 10 actually has Windows Media Player available to begin with.
2. Well, WiloWorlds is what the school calls the program that is used to visit the virtual worlds, while WiloStar3D is the name of the company/school itself. I probably should have specified.
3. Each student is provided a personal building (or "tower") where they can build their assignments in a virtual environment. These towers are all identical, and students place sign and picture objects in their towers in order to complete the assignments. However, not all assignments are done in the towers, though every once in a while we will be given an assignment that is *required* to be done in our towers. (Perhaps not the best explanation, please let me know I should elaborate.)
4. The video is recorded in one take, as editing the video is a somewhat tedious process (also, I do not have a program that can edit videos at the moment). Every time I notice an error, I have to start the recording over from scratch. Although I noticed a number of issues on the final take, I decided that it was good enough for its purpose.
5. I believe there are actually two ceremonies! One in Florida, and one in the virtual world itself. If I decide to go to the Florida ceremony, they will hand my diploma to me directly, otherwise I can have it mailed here. I am technically still a junior, but I may go to the Florida ceremony next year after my senior year ends.
6. Yes, that is an option. I was actually planning on having my mom and dad proofread it for me before I uploaded it, but I didn't have enough time. Next year, I will try to make sure that I have time to send my projects to you before I upload them, so you can help me with proofreading!

By the way, I forgot to mention this, but we also had to do a speech with our presentation! It was supposed to be done in the first person, as if we were the explorer we chose. I've attached the Word document with this email. I'm sure there are a number of grammar issues with it as well, since I didn't really proofread it.

Yes, that sounds like fun! I would love to go on a walk with you guys. Let me know if there is anything in particular that I should bring with me.

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